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OUR VISION

To be a community leader, catalyst and resource for philanthropy in the Hamilton-Wentworth and Burlington area.

OUR MISSION

The Hamilton Community Foundation will provide an ongoing, flexible, efficient and cost-effective way for donors to improve their community by building and holding a permanent endowment for the community's changing needs and opportunities.

OUR VALUES AND BELIEFS

COLLABORATION – We believe that by working together with donors, other funders, planners and community groups, we will foster the creation of new ideas and solutions, reduce duplication of effort and increase effectiveness in the voluntary sector.

ACCOUNTABILITY – We believe that our mission will be achieved through strong leadership and governance, capable administration and dedicated volunteers. Growth in endowment funds, effective fiscal management, reliable stewardship and strategic grantmaking will promote future community stability.

RESPONSIVENESS – We believe that vigilant monitoring of trends and the impact of change, together with a proactive, innovative and risk-taking approach, will produce grantmaking that meets the challenges of today and tomorrow.

EMPOWERMENT – We believe that self-reliance is an essential strength for individuals, organizations and communities, and we will encourage actions to cultivate, nurture and sustain this capacity.

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HAMILTON COMMUNITY FOUNDATION

Community leader, catalyst and resource for philanthropy in the Hamilton-Wentworth and Burlington area

Hamilton-Wentworth and Burlington are rich in voluntary and charitable organizations. Yet, as a member of this voluntary sector, the Community Foundation plays an entirely unique role as a catalyst and funder of programs, crucial to the community, which might otherwise be missed.

The Community Foundation provides generous citizens with a means of permanently endowing the community and playing a role in shaping its future. It provides a vehicle for the pooling and investment of charitable gifts, whose revenues benefit the community forever.



The Community Foundation allocates the income generated from these gifts with vision and care, encouraging the very best in a whole range of charitable activities: arts and culture, health and human services, education and the environment.

For people who want to give something back to the community that will last forever, the Community Foundation is the answer.

THE COMMUNITY FOUNDATION

exercises leadership in identifying and addressing community needs and opportunities;

acts as a catalyst for community action and convener of key constituents;

attracts and manages charitable gifts of cash, securities, bequests, memorials, life insurance and other assets as permanent endowments;

invests these pooled funds prudently, and uses the earnings to make creative grants, often in partnership with others, to local non-profit organizations for the benefit of all types of charitable activities.

HIGHLIGHTS OF THE YEAR

FUNDS

- ◆ \$1,224,306 in new gifts to the endowment
- ◆ Growth of 10.7% in fund capital
- ◆ Market value of invested funds: \$16,778,535 (\$13,620,007 at cost)
- ◆ 19.2% return on investment
- ◆ YWCA agency endowment fund established
- ◆ 87% of funds available for discretionary grant-making

GRANTS AND DISTRIBUTIONS

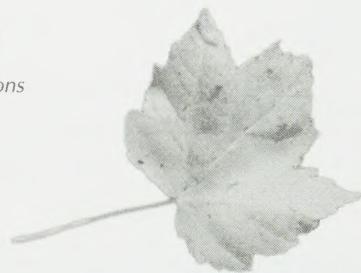
- ◆ \$785,261 approved for distribution
- ◆ \$646,011 awarded
(balance payable in future years)
- ◆ 85 community projects supported
- ◆ 89 students assisted
- ◆ Distributions up 53% over last year

LEADERSHIP AND LEARNING

- ◆ Convened the Provincial Voluntary Sector Consultation for the local area
- ◆ Initiated an Arts Stabilization Feasibility Study
- ◆ Initiated the development of local Community Foundation affiliates
- ◆ Participated in the *Council of Michigan Foundations Environmental Conference*; *Atlanta Neighbourhood Grants Conference*; *National Conference of Canadian Community Foundations*; and *Council on Foundations International Conference for Community Foundations*

ADMINISTRATION AND MANAGEMENT

- ◆ Appointment of Pamela Lakin, C.A. as Manager of Finance and Development
- ◆ Participation in the Banff Centre for Management Planned Giving program
- ◆ Move to a new location in the Standard Life Centre (Plaza Level)
- ◆ Expenses of 2.97% related to capital funds (2.94% last year)



MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT AND EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR



Vincenza Travale



Carolyn A. Milne

This was an exciting year for the Hamilton Community Foundation, with many accomplishments achieved through the remarkable teamwork of caring donors, a dedicated and talented Board and staff, and committed, knowledgeable volunteers and Advisory Committee members.

Generous donors from all walks of life added another \$1.2 million to the Foundation's permanent endowment, bringing the combined funds to a market value of almost \$17 million. These public-spirited individuals, families and corporations are making a difference forever in their community.

Through the efforts of our investment manager and Investment Committee, the Foundation was able to take advantage of an excellent year in the financial markets and generated an outstanding 19.2% return on investment. This, combined with

contributions from committed donors, led to a record of more than \$700,000 in approved grants, an increase of 53% over last year, for 85 community projects and 89 student bursaries.

Our 1996-97 grantmaking centred on addressing the community's highest charitable priorities and promoting the community's capacity to care for itself. Since our inception, more than \$6 million has been returned to the Hamilton-Wentworth and Burlington area, and testimonials throughout our report attest to the enduring difference that the Foundation makes in our community.

Whether it be a grant for a community garden as a source of sustenance and human interaction, computer access for disadvantaged children, or providing opportunities for the vulnerable elderly and their volunteers to enjoy the arts – the Foundation is responding to needs brought forward by the community and addressing issues that bridge generations.

We are also proud to announce the establishment of our first Agency Endowment – the YWCA Fund. By housing their endowment with the Foundation, the YWCA will benefit from our proven track record of permanent endowment management and substantial economies of scale. The Foundation contributed \$5,000 to the capital of this Fund in recognition of the vision and commitment of the YWCA Board to their organization's future sustainability.

Community leadership initiatives this year were highlighted by the initiation of the Arts Stabilization Feasibility Study, funded by the Hamilton Community Foundation in partnership with the Samuel and Saidye Bronfman Family

Foundation and the Department of Canadian Heritage. Past President Terry Yates chairs a very capable Steering Committee of 16 members who will determine, in consultation with the arts sector and community representatives, the viability of an arts stabilization program in our community.

We believe that we are moving into the decade of collaboration. We were, therefore, pleased to learn that the Foundation was the successful recipient of a Community Foundations of Canada grant, funded by the J.W. McConnell Family Foundation, to research and implement models of affiliation in communities that are recipients of grants from the Hamilton Community Foundation. By working together, we believe that the final organizational model developed will be one that builds on our respective strengths and meets the ever-increasing challenges facing our communities.

Reflecting on our cover photograph of Ainslie Wood taken over one hundred years ago, we are confident that the journey ahead for our community will involve strong partnerships, new learnings, and capitalization on the spectacular assets of our community. Unprecedented cuts to all community sectors, the general rapidity of change and consequent uncertainty have made the work of the Community Foundation even more important. We hope that the story unfolding in our Annual Report will inspire you to join us on this journey – making a difference in your community forever!

Carolyn A. Milne
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Executive Director

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President

PROFILES IN GIVING

These are people, from all walks of life, who decided that it was important to give something back to their community. Here are their stories:

HENRIETTA FRANCES CAMPBELL

Born in Lancaster, NY in 1905, Henrietta Rautenstrauch began her nursing career at St. Mary's Hospital in Niagara Falls, NY where it is said she was the first nurse to use an X-ray machine. After a 17-year engagement to Lorne Thomas Campbell, the two moved to Hamilton where Mrs. Campbell found employment at the General Hospital and rose to the position of operating room supervisor. Independent, generous and caring, Mrs. Campbell was active in her church as a member of the Catholic Women's League. A neighbour, Karime Mafekh, recalled, "We met as neighbours in 1965 and adopted each other as family. I had arrived from Lebanon two years earlier and Henrietta was like a mother to me." Widowed in 1969, Henrietta Campbell remembered several organizations in her will and left the residue of her estate to the Foundation as a way of fulfilling her wish to help as many people as possible.

EVELYN JOANNA COOPER

Dedicated volunteer, avid traveller, Georgian Bay enthusiast and devoted wife – these are a few of the memories Bill Cooper has of his mother. Evelyn McArthur was born in 1908 and married Ralph William Cooper, chairman of Cooper Construction, in 1932. She shared her husband's commitment to civic duty and juggled numerous volunteer activities – Big Sisters, Art Gallery, Hamilton Civic Hospitals and YWCA – while raising three children. Although a world traveller, her favourite place was a cottage on a small island off Honey Harbour in Georgian Bay. A fitness fanatic before it was a trend, she swam at dawn until age 75, skied, and played soccer with her grandchildren. With characteristic strength, she supported her husband of 62 years through a long illness and convalescence. In keeping with the family's continued support of the goals of the Foundation, Mrs. Cooper bequeathed a gift of \$1,000 to help meet the needs of her community.



Evelyn and Ralph Cooper

DANIEL TAYLOR LAWRIE

Originally from Kilsyth, Scotland, Daniel Lawrie emigrated to Canada in 1906 at the age of four and spent the rest of his life in Hamilton. Upon graduation from the Hamilton Technical Institute, he began a career in tool design at Westinghouse, later opening his own successful company, D.T. Lawrie Machinery, selling equipment for lathes, milling machines and grinders. A competitive athlete, Mr. Lawrie won a gold medal for the Leander Boat Club in 1929 at the Canadian Henley Regatta. He skied until he turned 85, hung up his tennis racket at 90 and had the honour of cutting the ribbon as the oldest member of the Hamilton Tennis Club when the new clubhouse opened in 1995. Mr. Lawrie also became an accomplished musician, thanks to his father's enterprising spirit. His brother, Alexander Lawrie, recalled, "To earn extra money for the family which had grown to include seven children, our father would take us to events like strawberry socials in various towns. He would write songs about the town and the kids would entertain with traditional Scottish



Daniel Lawrie

song and dance." As a result, Daniel learned to play the violin and later performed with the Hamilton Philharmonic Orchestra. He also played the bagpipes with the 91st Argyle and Sutherland Highlanders. After 48 years of marriage, Daniel Lawrie was predeceased by his wife, Mildred. When he died, his bagpipes were passed on to the band on condition that a piper would play at his funeral, a request gladly fulfilled by the heir. In his will, he included gifts to the CNIB and the Doric Lodge, of which he was a member, and directed that the residue (of approximately \$120,000) of his estate be forwarded to the Foundation for general charitable purposes in the community.

FLORA LOUISE McNEIL

Flora McNeil is remembered for her passion for music and the great pride she took in her heritage. Her grandfather, Joseph Cline, was deputy reeve of Ancaster in 1879 and Cline Avenue in Westdale is named for him. Her great-grandfather, Major Richard Hatt, was an officer of the 1st Regiment and a prominent Dundas citizen. Mrs. McNeil was born in 1907 and after graduation from business college, she was a secre-

tary for several years at Eaton's in Hamilton. Her husband, Bill, owned McNeil's Bakery in Stoney Creek. Grayce Krouse described her cousin as having a wonderful sense of humour. "We talked every day. Our conversations were always interesting because she kept up with current events. She was a beautiful pianist and played right to the end. When she played O Canada, she really showed her love for her country." Mrs. McNeil belonged to the Stoney Creek Charter Women's Institute, Church of the Redeemer and the Women's Auxiliary of the Anglican Church of Canada (life member) where she served for several years as secretary treasurer. She died while making dinner in her Stoney Creek apartment on the same day her brother Donald Campbell died. Mrs. McNeil left the residue of her estate to the Foundation.

FLORENCE EMMA NICHOLS

Florence Nichols earned a B.A. from McMaster University in 1934 and began a career in education that spanned nearly four decades, as a teacher of French and physical education. Before retiring, she worked with the Etobicoke Board of Education to establish its French immersion program. A niece, Cecilia Nichols, describes her aunt as a remarkable, Christian woman. "She was upright, old fashioned, competent and very much in touch with the world. You definitely behaved yourself around her." Miss Nichols was a Waterdown resident who led an active social life and enjoyed hosting tea parties in the spring on her four-acre field of trilliums. "My aunt was active to the very end. She travelled until well

into her 80s. She belonged to a French club, taught Sunday school, did most of her own gardening and attended St. James United Church." A supporter of several charities in her will, Miss Nichols remembered the Foundation with a bequest of \$1,000.



Florence Nichols

PHYLLIS ISABELLA ROBINSON

For more than 40 years, Miss Robinson was a kindergarten teacher at W.H. Ballard School in Hamilton. Agnes Robinson remembers her sister-in-law as a bright, understanding person with a strong feeling for her community. "Phyllis drove for Meals on Wheels. She worked at a summer camp on Lake Erie. She was president of the YWCA and head of her teachers' federation. Phyllis loved children and would take her nieces and nephews to collect marsh marigolds in the spring. She was a modest person and a positive thinker who always tried to cheer others up." Miss Robinson sang in the choir of St. Giles Church and was often in demand as a wedding soloist. Like her brother, Dr. Harry Robinson, she left a gift for her community through the Foundation – a bequest of \$1,000.

Flora McNeil

JOAN WHITLEY RUTHERFORD



Joan Rutherford

daughter Ann Goddard describe their mother as a selfless person, willing to help anyone at any time, and with a large circle of friends. "Mother loved people and was a real doer. She was one of the founders of Meals on Wheels, a fundraiser for Christ Church Cathedral and a Junior League member," Hugh recalled. Owing to her flamboyant driving style, she earned the nickname 'Leadfoot Joanie'. "Stop signs, stop lights and speed limits were minor details," Hugh laughed. When her church had a fee-for-service fundraiser, she volunteered to be a driver! Mrs. Rutherford remembered several charities in her will and included a gift of \$5,000 for the Foundation.

MARION SCOTT SHIVAS

Born in Winnipeg and raised in Montreal, Joan Bann met her future husband, Gordon Rutherford, at McGill University in the 1930s. When Gordon accepted a position at Stelco in 1948, they moved to Hamilton and Joan quickly settled in, raising two children and volunteering in numerous organizations. Son

Hugh Rutherford and

Marion Shivas could name every flower, bird, tree and weed in her backyard and at the cottage on the Bruce Peninsula she owned with her husband Bob. The enjoyment of nature was the main focus of their lives. It found expression in the garden of their Dundas home and their love of hiking on the Bruce. The two met while employed at Hamilton's Tuckett Tobacco Company, although Bob went on to become general manager of Rheem Canada Ltd. When Marion retired after 32 years as secretary to Tuckett's vice-president of sales, she devoted her life to natural history, wild-flower protection and land conservation. She was active in the Hamilton Naturalists' Club as President for six years and as Sanctuary Director for 25 years. In 1961 she led the club in its first land purchase, Spooky Hollow Sanctuary, a 95-acre tract of stream-crossed, wooded land rich in plant and animal life near Normandale, making Hamilton the first naturalist club in Canada to possess its own nature sanctu-



Marion Shivas

ary. Subsequently, she guided the club in the purchase of the Short Hills Wilderness Area and other nature reserves. Marion Shivas was honored not only by the HNC for her leadership and dedication to nature conservancy, but also by the Federation of Ontario Naturalists of which she was a director. In addition, she was recognized by the Dundas Horticultural Society, Ontario Heritage Foundation and Hamilton Region Conservation Authority. Predeceased by her husband in 1972, Mrs. Shivas established the W. Robert and Marion S. Shivas Conservation Trust to ensure that future generations continued to enjoy the rich natural heritage they cherished. She died at the age of 91 and, in her will, bequeathed the residue (estimated at some \$200,000) of her estate to the Foundation to be used for the preservation, promotion and protection of plants, wildlife and conservation in general, in the areas under the jurisdiction of the Hamilton and Halton Region Conservation Authorities.

USING THE COMMUNITY FOUNDATION FOR CHARITABLE GIVING

TO ESTABLISH A FUND

When you decide to establish a fund or support one of the Foundation's existing funds, you will join with people from all walks of life with one thing in common – the desire to make a difference...forever.

Your gift will give year after year because your donation is invested as a permanent endowment fund. That donation is managed professionally by a knowledgeable team of community leaders, staff and investment advisors.

It is simple to establish a fund. There are many ways to do it, often with significant tax benefits for donors. The Community Foundation will work with you and your lawyer, accountant, life insurance agent or financial planner to find the approach that works best.

*Excerpt from a letter
accompanying a gift:*

"I first worked in Hamilton for the investment house of A.E. Ames & Co. Ltd. Later on, from 1968 to 1981, I was fortunate to work for Dofasco and during that time met Cam MacGillivray, a stalwart supporter of the Foundation (and former Executive Director). I now wish to give back some of the benefit I have had from my association with Hamilton, and having learned from Cam that an unrestricted gift would give the Foundation the most flexibility, I would ask that my contribution be added to the Community Fund."

TYPES OF FUNDS

When you establish a fund, you choose its name and decide how it will work to benefit the community and fulfill your charitable goals. There are four types of funds:

Unrestricted: These funds allow the Board of Directors to decide where earnings can be used most effectively each year.

Field of Interest: You identify an area or cause for support from the earnings of your fund and the Board of Directors selects appropriate organizations and projects, year by year, to fulfill your intentions.

Donor Advised: You advise the Foundation each year regarding the charitable organization(s) to benefit from your fund's earnings.

Designated: You specify one or more charitable organizations to be the perpetual beneficiaries of the annual income from your fund. Designated funds may be of particular interest to a charitable organization wanting to set up an endowment fund to ensure its financial stability in the long term.

HOW TO GIVE

You have lots of flexibility in making a donation. For example, you can:

- make an outright gift of cash, securities or property;
- provide for a bequest in your will;
- take out (or transfer) a gift of life insurance;
- set up a planned giving instrument such as a charitable remainder trust;
- transfer an existing foundation, charitable trust or endowment.

The Community Foundation can also establish a tribute or memorial fund as a testimonial for a special person.

And, there is always the option of making a contribution without establishing a fund.

For more information, please contact the Community Foundation at (905) 523-5600 or your professional advisor.

FUNDS HELD IN 1996-97

COMMUNITY FUND* / UNRESTRICTED FUNDS

Discretionary funds offer the greatest amount of flexibility to the Foundation in responding to the immediate and changing needs of the community. Donors place no restrictions on the use of the funds and rely on the Board of Directors to make grantmaking decisions that meet current community priorities and needs.

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Donald J. Allan Fund	103,514
Marjorie L. Allan Fund	5,000
Doris M. Allen Fund	172,918
Frances W. Ambrose Fund.....	5,600
Gilbert P.V. Belton Fund.....	175,088
Horace A. Bennett Fund.....	10,000
Anne M. Biggar Fund.....	460,327
William F. Brand Fund	8,404
Dorothy & Travice Broadbent Fund	7,000
M. Jessie Chagnon Fund	71,196
Florabel Condy Fund	25,000
Donald A. Cooper Fund	10,000
Ralph W. & Evelyn J. Cooper Fund	151,000
Vangie M. Crosthwaite Fund	40,000
A. May Davis Fund	41,598
Alphonse Dirse Fund	48,344
E. Francis Dennee Fund	24,322
Vera M. Elwin Fund	457,630
I. Flora Frid Fund	5,000
Margaret & William Gilmour Fund	5,500
Erma Z.L. Goering Fund.....	218,555
Dr. Ronald P. Graham Fund	16,814
J.M. Walter Hahn Fund	5,000
Mary E. Hatch Fund.....	116,000

*Open Funds to which contributions may be made at any time.
New Funds received during the year are shown in bold type

Donald H. Henderson Fund.....	408,597
Erie Hossack Fund	58,638
Clare B. Hunter Fund	13,079
Francis Spence Hutton Fund	30,000
Elsie M. Husband Fund	12,300
Ralph E. Ingraham Fund	16,017
Florence W. Jones Fund	25,920
Daniel T. Lawrie Fund	112,829
Mabel D. Leadley Fund	75,891
Russell & Mae Lindley Fund	10,400
Dorothy I. Linfoot Fund	20,588
Cameron K. MacGillivray Fund	9,325
D. Argue Martin Fund	20,340
Robert P. McBride Fund	1,515,707
Lindsay M. McLennan Fund	78,022
Frederick J. Mills Fund	26,189
Catherine C.H. Murray Fund	50,000
Annie S. Nieman Fund	38,061
Dr. Alexander A. Numbers Fund	5,694
Stewart Philip Fund	45,000
James & Mary Phin Fund	103,786
Pioneer Group Fund / M.E. Hogarth.....	27,000
Ethel H. Prouse Fund	181,684
James D. Redmond Fund	6,033
Edna E.R. Reeves Fund	78,766
Edna Robertson Memorial Fund	29,000
Royal Hamilton College of Music Faculty Fund	5,963
Joan W. Rutherford Fund	5,000
Bertha Savage Fund	47,806
Eleanor M. Smith Fund	10,000
Grace J. Smith Fund	11,989
William S. Sparham Fund	25,236
The Spectator Fund	10,000
Leanora M. Spicer Fund	26,600
A.H. Tallman Bronze Co. Ltd. Fund.....	21,790
Howard & Edna Tugman Memorial	100,000
Eulalia D. Wall Fund	170,977
Gladys A. Whittaker Fund	26,205
Jack A. Winser Fund	116,250
* Anonymous and other gifts combined.....	258,127

FIELD OF INTEREST FUNDS

Field of interest funds allow the donor to designate a specific area of interest (e.g., education, children's needs, the arts, etc.) in which charitable grants will be made. The Board of Directors uses its discretion in selecting the most appropriate recipients, year by year.

J. Nelson Allan Fund	5,000
Dorothy & Frank Bliss Fund	508,839
Mary L. Cassidy Fund	126,142
Hamilton Geriatric Foundation Fund	9,686
Florence E.S. Hutton Fund	523,907
Arthur & Helena Lemon Fund	75,000
Jane C. LeWarne Fund	10,000
* McGregor Clinic Fund	118,378
Mary S. & James P. Phin Respiratory Disease Research Fund...	415,145
Lillian M. Shaw Fund	166,713
* Women's Trust Fund	7,000

DONOR ADVISED FUNDS

Donor advised funds allow the donor, or others designated by the donor, to make recommendations to the Foundation's Board of Directors regarding proposed charitable distributions from their fund. Donor wishes are considered, although final determination on all grant awards is the responsibility of the Board.

Ella Baird & Grace Baird McQueen Memorial Fund / A.J. McQueen	7,000
Russell I. Elman Fund	25,000
* Tara Lynn Giuliani Memorial Fund	58,906
* Raymond N. Lowes Environmental Fund..	24,050
* Stoney Creek Health Fund / Dr. Bob & Mildred Kemp	250,512

BURSARY & SCHOLARSHIP FUNDS

Bursary and scholarship funds provide assistance and encouragement to promising young students severely challenged by the costs of education. Funds are distributed directly to the institution on behalf of the student.

General Bursary Fund / Genevieve A.

Chaney & Cordelia C. Ensign.....	502,622
Eugene B. Eastburn Fellowship Fund.....	511,438
* Geritol Follies Scholarship Fund	118,000
* Lee Hepner Award Fund	17,388
* United Nations Bursary Award Fund.....	7,150
* John E. VanDuzer Scholarship Fund.....	9,615
Jervis B. Webb Co. Scholarship Fund ...	150,000
Ross F. Webb Bursary Fund	40,000

DESIGNATED FUNDS

Designated funds are established to benefit specific charitable organizations named by the donor. The earnings from these funds are distributed to the designated organization on an annual basis.

Douglas J. Clark Fund	100,000
Walter & Mildred Danby Fund.....	352,336
James P. & Mary S. Phin	
Charitable Fund	172,977
United Way Fund / Kenneth R. Walsh	143,791

AGENCY ENDOWMENT FUNDS

Charitable organizations may establish permanently endowed funds to provide a source of annual income for operations or programs.

YWCA Endowment Fund	83,772
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ADMINISTRATION FUNDS

These funds have been established to support the administration of the Foundation's various programs in development, grantmaking and communications.

* C.K. MacGillivray Tribute Fund.....	19,940
Martin & Martin Partners' Fund.....	15,869
Judith & Peter McCulloch Fund	10,000
* Judith McCulloch Tribute Fund	10,991
Marjorie & Bill Nelson Fund	55,000
Terry & Kent Newcomb Fund	8,300
Brenda & Terry Yates Fund	22,500
* Other gifts combined	11,000

MANAGED FUNDS

These funds have been placed with the Foundation for long-term investment.

* Children's International Learning	
Centre Endowment Fund	40,745
* Hamilton Public Library Funds	
Capital Endowment Fund	208,746
Special Gifts Fund	407,753
Ketha McLaren Memorial Fund	13,160

PROJECT FUNDS

In keeping with our philanthropic leadership role, we occasionally manage projects which we, and often other funders, support.

* Arts Stabilization Fund - a joint project with the	
Hamilton Community Foundation, the Samuel	
and Saidye Bronfman Family Foundation and	
the Department of Canadian Heritage to investigate	
the possibility of establishing a fund to provide	
technical assistance and capital funds for	
local arts organizations.	

* **Community Foundations Affiliate Model Fund** - a project financially supported by a grant from Community Foundations of Canada, funded by the J.W. McConnell Family Foundation, to implement models of affiliation in communities that are recipients of grants from the Hamilton Community Foundation.

* **School Nourishment Fund** - established by the Hamilton-Wentworth Nutrition Committee in 1994 to address the problem of hungry children in our schools.

* **Spectator Summer Camp Fund** – a joint project with The Spectator to raise funds for summer camping for disadvantaged children.

LIFE INSURANCE POLICIES

The Foundation is the owner and beneficiary of life insurance policies purchased by Alice R. Gooch, Dr. Robert N. and Helen F. Lofthouse, Joan VanDuzer, Ronald J. Zabrok and one anonymous donor. Total face value: \$435,000.

ESTATES AND FUNDS UNDER TRUSTEE ADMINISTRATION

At the time of publication, the Foundation had been notified of its interest, subject in some cases to the life tenancies of others, in the following estates: Henrietta F. Campbell, Dorothy M. Cauley, Erma Z.L. Goering, Anne Hayward, Josephine Magee, Kathleen L. McBride, Flora L. McNeil, Charles Ralph, Phyllis I. Robinson, Marion S. Shivas, Sara S. Smith, James S. Wilson, and the Victor K. Cops Fund.

A SAMPLING OF GRANTS

BURLINGTON SYNCHRONIZED SWIMMING CLUB

For 20 years, the Burlington Synchronized Swimming Club has coached young athletes to championship performance. Now, with encouragement from the Foundation, the team members are also developing their volunteer skills. In return for a commitment to work as coaching assistants with other young people, the team received a \$1,500 grant to improve its own high performance coaching program. This not only recognizes the team's achievements, but also promotes the idea of philanthropy (giving of one's various gifts) among young people, thereby building a basis for the future.



Combining athletic achievement with lessons in volunteerism and philanthropy

NORTH HAMILTON COMMUNITY HEALTH CENTRE GARDEN

The Community Garden was, once again, like a green oasis amidst its stark industrial surroundings in North Hamilton. Though the weather was uncooperative, a great deal of fresh produce was harvested from the 36 small plots. According to the project report, "There was an interesting mix of cultures this year at the North Hamilton Community Health Centre Garden. Half of the plots were cultivated by Asian families, mainly Vietnamese and Cambodian. Their introduction of unusual plants sparked the curiosity of the other gardeners and inspired some unique opportunities for language lessons. Cooperative efforts in improving water access and weed control also helped to bring about cultural acceptance which will inevitably spill over into the larger North Hamilton community." The Foundation contributed \$8,336 toward the project.



A green oasis amidst stark industrial surroundings

SUMMER MUSIC FESTIVAL

Bringing the joy of music to shut-in seniors and their volunteer visitors

Imagine the joy of a lonely senior being taken out to a concert by a friendly volunteer from the **VON** or the **St. Elizabeth Visiting Nurses!** That's what happened last summer when the Foundation made \$1,755 available for tickets to **Summer Music Festival** concerts. Aside from the seniors' delight in an outing with beautiful music (for some, it was their first ever concert), the volunteers who accompanied them were recognized and rewarded for their ongoing commitment. The agencies also took advantage of this unique opportunity to recruit additional volunteers for their 'friendly visiting' programs.

WOODVIEW MANOR

Giving young adults with autism and related developmental disorders a chance at success

Supporting independent living for high functioning adults with autism and related development disorders, **Woodview Manor** received \$4,400 to develop a program and business to provide its clients with job training, choices of employment, opportunity for success and payment according to performance. With staff guidance and support, Manor Personnel Deployment Inc. associates are negotiating contracts for mail sorting jobs, cleaning services and data entry work. For some, this program will lead to financial independence; for others, it will mean reduced dependence on government assistance; for all, better social skills, higher self-esteem and opportunity for employment.

"Your tremendous support (\$30,000 toward an apartment used to promote self-confidence and social development in visually impaired and deaf-blind residents, and to develop independent living skills such as cooking, shopping and budgeting skills) is most appreciated, especially during these difficult economic times when there are so many worthy causes and projects competing for scarce funds."

CNIB Transitional Training Centre

CENTRAL CITY CHILDREN'S CHOIR



Building confidence and self-esteem in inner city schoolchildren

The pride and excitement of 45 children from eight central city elementary schools is obvious every time this new choir performs. Part of that pride stems from their uniforms, acquired through a \$1,500 start-up grant from the Foundation. Organized and supervised by a team of teachers and administrators from the Separate School Board and supported by parent volunteers, the choir performs at community events, last year at Hamilton's Sesquicentennial celebrations. This program provides young people with exposure to the arts at a time when cultural funding is limited. It builds confidence and self-esteem among children who may have had few positive experiences in their lives, and it helps to develop these youngsters' natural assets and talents.

"HELLO IN THERE"

Promoting a person-centred approach to long term care

Individuals receiving long term care should be able to feel that they're still part of the community and valued by those who provide the services. "Hello In There" is an educational video for people who provide such care for seniors. It is designed to spark discussion about the strategies, benefits and challenges of person-centred care – that is, care given based on needs the person has identified. In cognitively impaired persons, this approach involves detective work to discover what their unmet needs are. Produced by the **Educational Centre for Aging and Health at McMaster University**, with a \$5,000 grant from the Foundation, this video will help directors of long term care institutions, case managers and service providers, as well as family members and other caregivers to see and care for the person in a different, more humane way and to value that person as an individual member of the community.

GRANTS APPROVED FOR CHILDREN AND YOUTH

The Foundation's overall goal in child and youth grantmaking is to help initiate or strengthen programs that promote wellness and provide opportunities for growth and development to our most important resource – our young people.

Grants benefitting children and youth are made in all sectors of the community. In addition to the grants shown below, those on the following pages marked with an asterisk () also supported initiatives involving young people. (16 grants totalling \$44,313)*

FROM THE COMMUNITY FUND:

Hamilton Public Library – Project Access/Kids Connect

@ The Library: computer literacy for youth 15,000

J.C. Hill School – student snack program 500

McMaster University / System Linked Research Unit –

study of the effects of various interventions, e.g., recreation programs for children, in one-parent families receiving social assistance 15,000

Mission Services –

summer camping for inner city children 1,200

Spectator Summer Camp Fund –

summer camping for needy children 2,500

YSAN (Youth Serving Agencies Network) –

Youth Empowerment Project (payable over 2 years)... 25,000

conference expenses 1,252

YWCA of Hamilton –

Cambodian Youth Leadership Development Program 10,000

70,452

FROM DESIGNATED FUNDS:

Camperships for needy children to attend a day or residential camp (Spectator Summer Camp Fund)

Big Brother Association of Burlington /

Hamilton-Wentworth 7,000

Canterbury Hills 4,500

Catholic Children's Aid Society, Hamilton-Wentworth 12,000

Catholic Youth Organization 9,000

Children's Aid Foundation of Halton 12,000

Children's Aid Society, Hamilton-Wentworth 990

Hamilton East Kiwanis Boys' & Girls' Club 7,360

Jewish Community Centre 1,500

Salvation Army, Hamilton 3,000

STAR of Hamilton-Wentworth 4,000

Wesley Urban Ministries 6,000

YMCA, Hamilton-Burlington 12,000

YWCA, Hamilton 7,000

86,350

Nutrition programs for children and youth in Hamilton-Wentworth (School Nourishment Fund)

Board of Education for the City of Hamilton Foundation for:

Adelaide Hoodless, W.H. Ballard, Hillsdale, Memorial, Parkdale, Seneca, and Sir Wilfrid Laurier elementary schools; Parkview Secondary School 3,150

Crown Point Community Centre / St. James the Apostle Anglican Church for: Lloyd George School ... 500

Hamilton-Wentworth Separate School Board for:

Wilma's Place 800

Paroisse Notre Dame de Perpetual Secours / Francophone Community Health Centre for: Notre Dame School 500

4,950

Other specified grants to benefit children

Hutton Fund 9,130

Le Warne Fund 618

9,748

101,048

171,500

GRANTS APPROVED FOR ARTS, CULTURE, CONSERVATION AND RECREATION

Grants are given to help strengthen organizations striving to enhance the cultural and recreational life of our community and to protect and preserve our natural heritage.

FROM THE COMMUNITY FUND:

Arts Stabilization Fund Feasibility Study –	
Foundation's contribution to Study Project.....	9,000
Battlefield House Museum, Stoney Creek –	
development of exhibit area	3,500
Brott Summer Music Festival –	
volunteer appreciation ticket program	1,755
* Burlington Synchronized Swimming Club –	
athlete development.....	1,500
* Central City Children's Choir – startup costs (uniforms)	1,500
* Children's International Learning Centre –	
Festivals of Light program	2,500
* Conqueror II Drum and Bugle Corps Inc. – instruments	3,000
* Friends of Westdale Rowing – shell for women rowers	2,300
* Hamilton Children's Choir – keyboard synthesizer	2,500
John Laing Singers – fabric for choir gowns	2,000
* Mary Hopkins School, Waterdown –	
schoolground naturalization project	750
Native Indian / Inuit Photographers Association –	
aboriginal video festival	1,500
* Ontario Workers Arts and Heritage Centre –	
Working Family Treasures Project	3,000
* Opera Hamilton –	
The Carmen Project (outreach to local schools)	3,000
Royal Botanical Gardens – refurbishing of Nature	
Interpretive Centre (payment deferred to future year)	35,000
* Steel City Drum and Bugle Corps –	
percussion equipment	3,000
Theatre Aquarius – dust extraction system	2,000

77,805

FROM DESIGNATED FUNDS:

* Hamilton Kiwanis Music Festival –	
music awards (Lee Hepner Fund)	700
	700
	78,505

ARTS STABILIZATION FEASIBILITY STUDY

The Foundation, a long-time supporter of the arts, launched a study to determine the feasibility of an Arts Stabilization Program in our community. The study is co-funded by grants from the Hamilton Community Foundation, the Samuel and Saidye Bronfman Family Foundation and the Department of Canadian Heritage.

A Steering Committee with representation from the arts, business, government and other funders will guide the study. The overall goal of arts stabilization, an American concept developed almost 12 years ago, is to strengthen – not merely sustain – arts organizations to ensure their fiscal viability.

Traditionally, arts stabilization achieves its goals by providing two types of assistance to qualifying organizations: Technical Assistance, whereby professional consultation is provided in relevant areas of operation and governance, and Stabilization Grants to build working capital reserves and eliminate accumulated deficits. The study will identify whether a stabilization fund and program are an alternative for our community.

Steering Committee members include: Terry Yates, Chair; Patti Beckett, Gordon Bullock, Sondra Cornett, Karen Daniels, Marilynn Havelka, John Hobday, Catherine Hurley, Sharilyn Ingram, Carolyn Milne, Ted Pietrzak, Mike Schuster, Vincenza Travale and Chester Waxman. Peter Brown is the project consultant and Lisa Barty, the study co-ordinator.

GRANTS APPROVED FOR HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Foundation grants in health and human services attempt to address the needs of those who are disadvantaged by age, by physical or other challenges, or by income or background. Community service grants promote voluntarism and philanthropy, build leadership, enable access to information and increase the organizational capacity of local charitable organizations.

FROM THE COMMUNITY FUND:

Amity Goodwill Industries –	
customer service skills training program	12,500
Burlington Counselling & Family Services –	
evaluation of counselling services	2,000
Canadian National Institute for the Blind –	
toward an "independent living" apartment at the CNIB Training Centre.....	30,000
Educational Centre for Aging and Health at McMaster University –	
video production	5,000
Habitat for Humanity (Hamilton) –	
toward the building of the first area home	5,000
* Hamilton & District Extend-a-Family –	
toward support of a community worker	600
North Hamilton Community Health Centre –	
community gardens program.....	8,336
Our Community Cares (Burloak Drive) –	
neighbourhood development project.....	10,000
Parents Helping Parents / Regional Public Health Department –	
neighbourhood event.....	150
Phoenix Place –	
renovations to housing for abused women and children	3,500
Self-Help Network of Hamilton-Wentworth / Social Planning and Research Council –	
technical assistance in support of self-help (payable over two years)	14,350

* Seven Towers Non-Profit Family Day Care –	
expansion of supervised visitation and exchange program.....	15,600
Social Planning and Research Council –	
community services workshop	4,000
Telecare Hamilton –	
program equipment.....	2,550
* The Equestrian Association for the Disabled –	
horse sponsorship.....	3,780
Victorian Order of Nurses (Hamilton-Wentworth) / Coalition of Community Health and Support Services –	
evaluation of neighbourhood-based service delivery model	29,250
(payment deferred to future year)	
Volunteer Centre of Hamilton & District / Senior Talent Bank –	
collaboration on merger	5,000
Welcome Inn Community Centre –	
kitchen and meeting room renovations.....	10,000
Woodview Manor –	
client employment program	4,400
Working Conference on Violence Prevention in Hamilton-Wentworth / Social Planning and Research Council –	
conference support	10,000
* Young Parents Program / Regional Public Health Department –	
program support	100

176,116

FROM DESIGNATED FUNDS:

Bold Park Lodge / Mary Ellis Program –	
aftercare program (Lemon Fund).....	3,500
* Hamilton & District Society for Disabled Children –	
general support (Mekkelson Fund)	411
Hamilton-Wentworth Task Force on Elder Abuse and Self-Neglect / Catholic Family Services –	
survey of local family physicians (Cassidy Fund).....	1,395
St. Joseph's Villa –	
expansion of community bathing program (Cassidy Fund) (payment deferred to future year).....	5,000

Tele Touch – volunteer training and deployment (Cassidy Fund) (second instalment of \$16,000 grant) ...	4,000
The Dr. Bob Kemp Hospice Foundation – general support (Stoney Creek Health Fund).....	1,000
United Way of Burlington, Hamilton-Wentworth – general support (United Way/Walsh Fund)	12,967
Various Charities – for specific purposes	
Clark Fund	5,191
Danby Fund	27,189
Giuliani Fund.....	1,400
	<u>62,053</u>
	<u>238,169</u>

Dear Friends – In 1990, you gave me a bursary for which I am deeply grateful. With that help I was able to continue my studies at a time when I thought I would have to leave because of the cost.

I am just back from a World Citizenship Tour to Poland and will return to Europe to do my first professional tour this summer. I teach musical theatre for a theatre company and school, travel around Ontario giving concerts and workshops and teach privately as well. Last year, I received a certificate of recognition from the first John Holland Awards in Hamilton for my community work.

I really want to thank you for the opportunity you gave me. A bursary may seem like a small thing, but it can be one of the pegs in the holes that creates the foundation of someone's life. You made a difference in my life and, as a result, I have made a difference in other lives.

Siona Neale

GRANTS APPROVED FOR SCHOLARSHIPS, BURSARIES AND FELLOWSHIPS

FROM DESIGNATED FUNDS:

Columbia Graduate School of Journalism – student bursary (Elman Fund) (\$500 U.S.).....	679
Fanshawe College, University of Western Ontario and Ryerson Polytechnical Institute – four student bursaries (Harding Fund).....	6,000
McMaster University – student award (United Nations Fund)	1,000
McMaster University / Student Opportunity Trust Fund – (Chaney-Ensign, Ross Webb and Community Funds) payable over 3 years.....	50,000
Mohawk College / Student Opportunity Trust Fund – (Chaney-Ensign and Community Fund) (payable over 3 years)	50,000
Queen's University and Wilfred Laurier University – two student bursaries (Jervis B. Webb Fund)	4,000
University of British Columbia and York University – post doctoral scientific research fellowships (Eastburn Fund)	33,000
University of Guelph – student award (Giuliani Fund)	600
Various Universities and Colleges – bursaries for 72 students from Hamilton-Wentworth secondary schools (Chaney-Ensign Fund)	63,650
Various Universities and Colleges – bursaries for 4 students of the performing arts (Geritol Follies Fund) (payments partially deferred to coincide with academic year).....	7,000

215,929

“Hamilton Habitat for Humanity is people helping people to build decent houses in decent communities in which people can live and grow. We are most appreciative of your faith in us.”

Norm Westbury

“Thank you for making this exciting program of computer access possible for youth across the city. Your support of “Project Access / Kids Connect @ the **(Hamilton Public) Library**” has been the spring board to help us raise additional funds from other partners.”

Helen Benoit

“We are encouraged by the vote of confidence which your support represents. Your affirmation of our work at **Welcome Inn** is energizing – especially given the current socio-political climate.”

Michael Hannigan

“Our phones at **Telecare Hamilton** are kept ringing from people wanting help or just because they are lonely. You will never know who you have helped with your donation ... perhaps a potential suicide victim or an abused person.”

M. Joan Willis

OTHER GRANTS AND DISTRIBUTIONS APPROVED

FROM THE COMMUNITY FUND:

Community Foundations of Canada

supporting contribution	1,000
	<u>1,000</u>

FROM DESIGNATED FUNDS:

Various charities – for specified purposes

Clark Fund	2,225
Danby Fund	1,430
Dr. Bob Kemp Family Fund	5,000
Transfer to Community Fund (Hutton Fund).....	18,281
	<u>26,936</u>

FROM MANAGED FUNDS:

Children’s International Learning Centre	8,535
Hamilton Public Library	44,687
	<u>53,222</u>
	<u>81,158</u>

Total Grants Approved \$785,261

Less Amounts Deferred (139,250)

Total Grants Awarded,

year ended March 31, 1997 \$646,011

APPLYING FOR A GRANT

Over the years, the Community Foundation has distributed more than \$6 million of investment income as grants to local organizations and for educational assistance to deserving students. In 1996-97, the Foundation awarded \$646,011 in grants and approved several proposals for payment over a period of years. In total, the Board of Directors authorized the distribution of \$785,261 for grantmaking purposes.

COMMUNITY GRANTMAKING

Continuing spending cuts are causing high levels of stress to people, families and organizations in Hamilton-Wentworth and Burlington. The Foundation, through its grantmaking and other means of assistance, sends a message of support and encouragement to the community as it copes with the realities.

In considering how best to respond to community needs and opportunities in these rapidly changing times, the Board will give funding preference to projects that address the community's highest charitable priorities, promote creative responses and strengthen the community's capacity to care for itself. This focus would include initiatives that:

restructure and reinvent organizations and community sectors to find new ways of providing services;

exhibit collaboration and co-operation across various sectors of our community;

support innovation and prevention as responses to community challenges;

provide access to opportunities to our diverse community; and

recognize and build on existing "assets" – that mix of talents, skills and knowledge unique to every neighbourhood, network and community – in finding ways of meeting needs, solving problems and seizing opportunities.

The Foundation invites applications from community-based groups working within the fields of social service, education, health, the arts, conservation or recreation. Applicant organizations must be registered charities or affiliated with one.

APPLICATIONS FOR BURSARIES AND SCHOLARSHIPS

The Foundation also holds funds for a variety of educational purposes such as bursaries, scholarships and fellowships. Information and application forms are available from the office.

THE APPLICATION PROCESS

First, ensure that your idea meets the Foundation's basic criteria by calling our Co-ordinator of Granting Programs and requesting a copy of our printed guidelines.

Then, submit your proposal on our application form for one of our granting cycles (March and October). You will be asked to provide the following information: your mission and mandate; names of your Board of Directors; audited financial statements; purpose, geographic scope, timeline, budget, indication of community support and plan of action for your proposed project; other funding sources and the specific amount needed from the Foundation.

Prior to presentation to the Board for a decision, our staff will contact you to discuss your proposal and a site visit may be scheduled. As part of the assessment process, we routinely consult with other funders and informed people in the field. It takes 10-12 weeks for a final decision which will be conveyed in writing.

After a grant has been awarded, you will be expected to provide reports on an agreed-upon schedule and public acknowledgment of the Foundation's support, and to seek approval prior to any substantial alteration in plan.

CONTRIBUTORS

Off the beaten path, the Foundation has received many contributions from individuals, organizations and foundations. The following is a list of some of the contributors to the Foundation's activities and funds:

G. Adam • J.N. Allan • L. & Y. Alexander • M.J. Anderson • J. & M. Archibald • Dr. & Mrs. R.S. Bartalos • P.G. Barton • R. Berenbaum • E.E. Brooks • R. & D. Burcher • E.M. Buzzell • Canadian Institute of Chartered Life Underwriters and Chartered Financial Consultants, Hamilton & District Chapter • A.A. Cannon • J.E.A. Cannon • The Children's Emergency Foundation • W. & P. Cooke • W.R. Copeland • P. & B. Curtis • H.E. Dodds • R.I. Elman • L. Farrauto • Fell-Fab Products • W.M. Fenn • N.H. Findlater • J. Fitzpatrick • F. Fothergill • T.H.L. Gallagher • L.E. Garrison • M.S. Gilmour • J. & R. Giuliani • D.M. Gow • Great West Life - 'Caring Fund' • Great West Life Hamilton Staff • M.R. Halpren • T. & L. Hickey • Dr. & Mrs. S.P. Horwood • M.A.J. Ingraham • E.P. Innes • I. Jamieson • Jervis B. Webb Co. of Canada • L. & C. Johnston • D. & J. Jones • Dr. & Mrs. C.R. Kemp • D. & G. Ker • A. Kershaw • P. & P. Lakin • J.A. Leask • E. Lee • Dr. & Mrs. R.N. Lofthouse • K. MacMillan • E.S. MacNamara • B. MacQueen • A. & I. Mair • G.A. Mallory • C. Marcotte • B.R. Markman • J. & P. McCulloch • S.M. McDougall • A. & G. McKenzie • A.J. McQueen • C. & P. Milne • E.J. Milton • B. Morris • A. Nagy • W. & M. Nelson • T. & W.K. Newcomb • North Hamilton Community Health Centre • P. & R. Palmer • Pioneer Petroleum Limited / M.E. Hogarth • E. Porritt • W. & L. Reynolds • E. & D. Rodway • K. Ronbeck • Second Real Properties Limited • J. & J. Shea • W. Simon • B. Souter • R.G. Sparre • W.J. Stacey • G.M. Swire • A.H. Tallman Bronze Company Ltd. • V.I. Travale • Tuscan Lodge, #551 AF & AM • United Nations Association, Hamilton & District • United Way of Burlington, Hamilton-Wentworth • R. Valyam • D.O. Vollmer • D.F. Wallace • N.M. Walsh • P. Walsh • Westmount Secondary School, Grade 10 Foods Class • G.E. Williams • Dr. W.M. Wilson • YWCA of Hamilton • T. & B. Yates • W. Young • N.J. Zaffiro • several anonymous

SPECIAL OCCASION GIFTS

A donation to the Foundation can be an effective way to mark a special occasion. Contributions were made during the year to recognize:

Jean Bennie – in honour of her retirement
Dr. Andrew Boyko and Staff – in appreciation from a patient
Richard K. Giuliani – in appreciation from his Staff

GIFTS-IN-KIND

Many thanks to the following for their contributions of goods and services:

Diane Arrell • Canada Trust • Ernst & Young • Fourth Real Properties Limited • ICOR Group Ltd. • Jarislowsky Fraser Limited • Kay's Upholstery • Martin & Martin • Seldon Printing Limited • True Value Hardware

SPECTATOR SUMMER CAMP FUND



True North Camp, Mission Services

Several hundred donations were also received for the Spectator Summer Camp Fund. Although recognition was given in the newspaper during the campaign season, we would like to thank again all who made it possible for some 860 youngsters to enjoy a week or two of summer camp.

A special acknowledgment is extended to the following whose individual donations ranged from \$500 to \$32,000:

Banca Commerciale Italiana of Canada • The Barn Fruit Markets / G.A. Love Foods Inc. • Canadian Orpheus Male Choir • Chedoke-McMaster Hospitals Employees' Charity Fund • Hamilton Community Foundation • The Malloch Foundation • The McBride Foundation PasWord Communications • The Spectator • Spectator Employees • N. Taylor • United Steelworkers of America, Local 4592 • Walt Disney's World on Ice • 2 anonymous

IN MEMORIAM

During the period April 1, 1996 to March 31, 1997, gifts were received in memory of:

Stuart Bard
Norman Douglas Chandler
Maria Djelosevic
Dr. Philip Downie
Tara Lynn Giuliani
Laurie Guyatt
John Lambert
Helen I. Lazier
Leslie P. Lowry
Daniel MacMillan
Vladas (Walter) Matukaitis
Elizabeth (Libby) McNally
Mabel Mills
Sheila F. Nichols
Elizabeth M. Parke
Douglas Reading
Kirsten Rölheiser-Paterson
Ann V. Robertson
Doreen Thorne
Helen M. Vance
Norma Vansickle
Beatrice (Betty) Wallace /

ADVISORY COMMITTEES 1996-97

The Foundation is grateful to a dedicated corps of community volunteers and professionals who make their own special contribution by assisting the Board and staff with the review of grant requests.

BURSARY FUNDS

Norma M. Walsh, Chair
Sister Mary Ambrose
Stella Green Gibson
Bruno A. Uggenti

E.B. EASTBURN FELLOWSHIP FUND

Dr. Robert N. Lofthouse, Chair
Dr. Ana R. Campos
Dr. Mark W.C. Hatton
Dr. Adam P. Hitchcock
Dr. Eric T. Sawyer
Dr. Peter G. Sutherland
Eva Incze, Co-ordinator

GERITOL FOLLIES SCHOLARSHIP FUND

Helen Clayton, Chair
Christine Hamilton
George Ireland

SCHOOL NOURISHMENT FUND

Lesia Hucal, Chair
Judith Bishop
Chas Boecker
John Harrison, until September 1996
Kathie Hudspith
Elaine Simon
Jim White
Jane Curry, Chair until November 1996

UNITED NATIONS BURSARY FUND

Dr. Douglas Davies
Dr. Ewan MacIntyre
Dr. Adele Reinhartz
Dr. Mark Vorobej

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

AUDITORS' REPORT

We have audited the statement of net assets of Hamilton Community Foundation as at March 31, 1997 and the statements of income, fund balances and cash flows for the year then ended. These financial statements are the responsibility of the Foundation's management. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these financial statements based on our audit.

Except as explained in the following paragraph, we conducted our audit in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards. Those standards require that we plan and perform an audit to obtain reasonable assurance whether the financial statements are free of material misstatement. An audit includes examining, on a test basis, evidence supporting the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. An audit also includes assessing the accounting principles used and significant estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall financial statement presentation.

In common with many charitable organizations, the Foundation derives revenues from donations and bequests, the completeness of which is not susceptible of satisfactory audit verification. Accordingly, our verification of these revenues was limited to the amounts recorded in the records of the Foundation and we were unable to determine whether any adjustments for unrecorded receipts might be necessary to the donations and bequests received during the year, assets, changes in the fund balances, and the balance of funds.

In our opinion, except for the effect of adjustments, if any, which might have been required had we been able to satisfy ourselves concerning the completeness of donations and bequests referred to in the preceding paragraph, these financial statements present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of the Foundation as at March 31, 1997 and the results of its operations and the changes in its financial position for the year then ended in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles.

Hamilton, Canada,
May 9, 1997

Ernst & Young
Chartered Accountants

Hamilton Community Foundation
Incorporated under the laws of Ontario

STATEMENT OF NET ASSETS

As at March 31

	1997	1996
	\$	\$
		[note 2]
ASSETS		
Cash	47,609	48,055
Accrued income receivable	155,056	156,951
Marketable securities, at cost [note 3]	13,620,007	12,141,676
Capital assets [note 4]	50,656	—
Deduct grants and distributions payable [note 2]	(109,892)	(91,633)
Net assets	13,763,436	12,255,049

REPRESENTED BY

Fund balances

Community and other Discretionary Funds	12,009,228	10,620,242
Designated Funds	1,039,649	922,203
Total Foundation Funds	13,048,877	11,542,445
Managed Funds		
[belonging to other organizations]	714,559	712,604
Total funds	13,763,436	12,255,049

See accompanying notes

On behalf of the Board:

N. Dowdall
Director

W. H. Smith
Director

STATEMENT OF INCOME

Year ended March 31

	1997	1996
	\$	\$
{note 2}		
INCOME		
Interest and dividends	908,036	747,665
Net realized capital gains	238,133	411,441
	1,146,169	1,159,106
Investment counsel and custodial fees	(51,590)	(51,349)
Net investment income	1,094,579	1,107,757
Donations and other receipts	173,615	100,991
	1,268,194	1,208,748
EXPENSES		
Grants and distributions [note 5]	646,011	476,335
Program expenses	87,406	71,112
Development expenses	121,128	85,517
Administration expenses	129,568	127,389
	984,113	760,353
Excess of income over expenses	284,081	448,395

See accompanying notes

STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS

Year ended March 31

	1997	1996
	\$	\$
{note 2}		
OPERATING ACTIVITIES		
Excess of income over expenses	284,081	448,395
Add depreciation which does not affect cash	1,440	
Bequests and donations received	1,224,306	1,423,069
	1,509,827	1,871,464
Add (deduct) change in:		
Accrued income receivable	1,895	(12,530)
Grants and distributions payable	18,259	18,969
Cash generated by operating activities	1,529,981	1,877,903
INVESTING AND OTHER ACTIVITIES		
Purchases of bonds and debentures - net	(556,629)	(1,282,990)
Purchases of shares - net	(921,702)	(713,372)
Purchase of fixed assets	(52,096)	—
Cash utilized in investing and other activities	(1,530,427)	(1,996,362)
Decrease in cash during year	(446)	(118,459)
Cash, beginning of year	48,055	166,514
Cash, end of year	47,609	48,055

See accompanying notes

STATEMENT OF FUND BALANCES

Year ended March 31

	1997			1996
	Community and other Discretionary Funds	Designated Funds	Managed Funds	Total
	\$	\$	\$	\$
[note 2]				
Undistributed income, beginning of year	752,014	17,747	55,967	825,728
Excess of income over expenses	228,289	53,837	1,955	284,081
Allocations to capital and transfers - net	(183,492)	(28,051)	(15,875)	(227,418)
Undistributed income, end of year	796,811	43,533	42,047	882,391
Capital, beginning of year	9,868,228	904,456	656,637	11,429,321
Bequests and donations received	1,121,120	103,186	—	1,224,306
Allocations and transfers - net	223,069	(11,526)	15,875	227,418
Capital, end of year	11,212,417	996,116	672,512	12,881,045
Fund balances, end of year	12,009,228	1,039,649	714,559	13,763,436
				12,255,049

See accompanying notes

NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

1. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

The financial statements of the Foundation have been prepared in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles. Because certain donors have provided amounts for specified purposes, the financial statements have been presented in a manner which segregates the Community and other Discretionary Funds [unrestricted] from Designated Funds [for special purposes]. In addition to these funds which belong to the Foundation, there are Managed Funds, belonging to outside organizations.

Community and other Discretionary Funds income earned is distributed as determined by the Board of Directors.

Designated Funds represent amounts donated to the Foundation for which the capital is generally intended to be preserved. Grants are made for designated purposes from the income earned.

Managed Funds consist of capital amounts which have been advanced to the Foundation for investment purposes with such capital and related income earned to be distributed as directed by the owners.

The more significant accounting policies followed by the Foundation have been summarized to facilitate a review of the financial statements:

- [a] Donations in kind and amounts contributed for reimbursement of specific expenses are included in "donations and other receipts".
- [b] Donated amounts for which the capital is intended to be preserved are recorded as fund capital. In addition, a portion of the income is allocated annually to capital for the purpose of maintaining this capital base.
- [c] Investments consisting of term deposits, bonds, debentures and shares are recorded at cost. Income from investments is recorded as earned.
- [d] Purchases and sales of foreign investments and related income and expenses are translated into Canadian dollars at the average rate in the months of such transactions. Monetary assets denominated in foreign currencies are translated into Canadian dollars at the exchange rate prevailing at the year-end. Exchange gains or losses are included in income.
- [e] Fixed assets are carried at cost. Depreciation is provided on a straight-line basis over 5 years for furniture and computers and 3 years for leasehold improvements.

2. CHANGE IN ACCOUNTING POLICY

In prior years, the organization recorded annual grants and distributions when they were paid. In 1997, this practice was changed retroactively to reflect as expenses amounts for grants and distributions which have been unconditionally approved and not yet paid. As a result, grants and distributions reflected in the 1997 statement of income have been increased by \$18,259 and grants and distributions payable included in the statement of net assets at March 31, 1997 have increased by \$109,892.

Accordingly, grants and distributions payable at March 31, 1995, \$72,664 have been deducted from undistributed income at that date and the 1996 grants and distributions in the statement of income have increased by \$18,969. The March 31, 1996 grants and distributions payable reflected in the statement of net assets have been increased by \$91,633.

3. MARKETABLE SECURITIES

As at March 31, 1997, the market value exceeded the cost of the marketable securities by \$3,158,528 [\$1,652,415 at March 31, 1996] as follows:

	1997		
	Market Value	Cost	Excess of market value over cost
	\$	\$	\$
Bonds and debentures	8,268,234	7,972,633	295,601
Shares	8,510,301	5,647,374	2,862,927
	16,778,535	13,620,007	3,158,528

	1996		
	Market Value	Cost	Excess of market value over cost
	\$	\$	\$
Bonds and debentures	7,588,084	7,416,004	172,080
Shares	6,206,007	4,725,672	1,480,335
	13,794,091	12,141,676	1,652,415

4. CAPITAL ASSETS

	1997		1996	
	Cost	Accumulated depreciation	Net book value	Net book value
	\$	\$	\$	\$
Furniture	10,775	359	10,416	—
Leasehold improvements	16,443	914	15,529	—
Computers	24,878	167	24,711	—
	52,096	1,440	50,656	—

5. GRANTS AND DISTRIBUTIONS

Grants and distributions were made in the following categories:

	1997	1996
	\$	\$
Health, social and community services	194,919	132,853
Initiatives for children and youth	180,035	132,623
Scholarships, bursaries and fellowships	145,929	98,421
Arts and culture, conservation and recreation	43,505	68,975
Community organizations and other	81,623	43,463
	646,011	476,335

6. COMMITMENTS

The organization has entered into a non-cancellable lease agreement for its premises. The agreement covers a period of three years to November 30, 1999 and the annual rent is \$15,350.

The organization has pledges for future grants and distributions outstanding at March 31, 1997. These amounts which have not been reflected as liabilities total \$70,000 and they are expected to be paid over the next two years.

ON THE COVER: A photograph of Ainslie Wood, circa 1890, courtesy of Special Collections, Hamilton Public Library

This photograph appears in The First Hundred Years, a centennial publication of the Women's Art Association of Hamilton, financed in part with a grant from the Foundation. Ainslie Wood, in west Hamilton, was a favourite Sketch Club gathering spot over the WAA's history.

We selected this photograph for our cover, not only because it is linked with one of our grants, but because it illustrates our roots in the community, our growth over the years and our ability to connect past with present and future. It also suggests a journey which, taken together with others in our community, will expand our horizons and capacity for good as we all approach the next century.

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DEAR FRIENDS OF THE COMMUNITY FOUNDATION:

We are pleased to present our Annual Report for 1996-97, which chronicles a year of great achievements.

It is through the continued generosity of our donors that we were able to approve over \$700,000 in grants toward community initiatives, an increase of 53% over last year. To date, the Foundation has returned more than \$6 million to the Hamilton-Wentworth and Burlington area to address our community's highest charitable priorities. The sampling of grants in this report only begins to describe the difference that donors can make in their community forever!

In addition, the Foundation saw its asset base grow to almost \$17 million. This capital growth of approximately \$3 million was the result of an excellent return in the investment markets and gifts from caring donors from all walks of life who contributed \$1.2 million to the Foundation's permanent endowment.

In the spirit of collaboration, the Y.W.C.A. established the Y.W.C.A. Fund, the first Agency Endowment to be held by the Foundation. This initiative heralds the beginning of a program whereby charities can establish, with confidence, a permanent endowment with the Foundation, helping to ensure the future sustainability of their organizations.

The Foundation has a natural convening and leadership role to play in the community. Our report outlines the Foundation's success in leveraging money into our community to address two major projects ~ the Arts Stabilization Feasibility Study and an Affiliate Model Project that will explore new ways to work with our local communities.

Our thanks to our dedicated Board, Staff and Volunteers who are committed to building a strong community for today and tomorrow.

Please take some time to read about your Community Foundation and consider how you can make a difference in your community forever!

Sincerely,

Carolyn A. Milne

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PS. ~ We sincerely hope that you enjoy receiving information from the Foundation, but if you would prefer to have your name removed from our mailing list, you have only to telephone our office.

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